1	2	3	4
	2005-06		
1.	Destination Development of Singur Dam,Andhra Pradesh	433.96	347.00
2.	Destination Development of Night Bazaar, Shilparamam, Hyderabad	500.00	400.00
3.	Integrated Development of Lower Krishna Valley Buddhist Circuit	789.97	631.97
4.	Integrated Development of Araku-Vizag Tourism Circuit	771.86	617.50
5.	Development of Eco-Commerce Portal for IT Scheme	75.00	67.50
6.	Celebration of Hyderabad Carnival and Kalinga festival	20.00	16.00
7.	Celebration of Konaseema Festival in East Godavari	15.00	12.00
	TOTAL:	2605.79	2091.97
	2006-07		
1.	CFA for development of Laknavaram Lake as Eco Tourism destination in Warangal District	468.63	337.90
2.	Integrated development of Beach Circuit	571.93	457.54
3.	Development of Golconda-Qutub Shahi Tomb-Hakimpet-Shaikpet Sarai- K.B. Museum-Premavathi Mosque	500.00	400.00
	Total	1540.56	1195.44
	GRAND TOTAL:	8428.24	7025.06

Development of tourist infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh

1027. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects which have been started in order to develop tourist infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh during the current year;

(b) the details of Central financial assistance provided by the Central Government to Himachal Pradesh for the development of tourist infrastructure during the last three years; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects under the schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Central Financial Assistance sanctioned to the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Amount Sanctioned
2004-05	2680.00
2005-06	1645.00
2006-07	1871.00

Implementation of projects is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of the projects from time to time.

Foreign tourists visiting Himachal Pradesh

1028. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of arrival of foreign tourists in the country has increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to estimate the increase in the number of foreign tourists in the next five years; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to attract more tourists and to provide facilities of transportation, accommodation, medical and other facilities to them in the hilly areas, particularly, in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. The increase in foreign tourist arrivals to India during the year 2005 in comparison to 2004, and the year 2006 in comparison to 2005, is 13.3% and 13.5% respectively.

(b) The details of foreign tourist visits to different States/UTs during 2005 and 2006 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) A study has been commissioned by the Ministry of Tourism to examine the various aspects of tourism covering existing policies, infrastructure, marketing strategies, etc., and prepare a plan for increasing the flow of foreign tourists in the country.

(d) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central